

U.S. Plans New Arms Monitoring

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WASHINGTON, March 30 — The Carter Administration has formulated a new plan for monitoring strategic military developments in the Soviet Union, which officials said today is meant to compensate for the loss of American electronic listening posts in Iran.

Officials said the plan, which is being reviewed by Administration technical experts, was designed in part to convince the Senate that the United States could verify a new strategic arms accord with Moscow. They added that after a long meeting yesterday between Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and the Soviet Ambassador, Anatoly F. Dobrynin, the arms treaty could be completed as early as next week.

The officials disclosed that the Administration, responding to strong pressure from several senators, particularly John Glenn, Democrat of Ohio, had mounted a crash program for replacing the former American listening stations in Iran. Following the political upheaval there, the Central Intelligence Agency was forced to abandon the stations last month.

Combination of Devices

The stations had been used to monitor Soviet missile tests, and their loss led many senators to doubt whether the Administration was now able to verify Soviet compliance with restrictions on rocket modernization contained in the proposed treaty.

Although officials declined to provide

details of the new verification plan, a senior Administration official said it called for "a combination of devices" to fill the intelligence gap created by the loss of the Iranian stations. Congressional aides familiar with the plan said that advanced satellites and aircraft could compensate in part for the Iranian stations and that the Administration also wanted to install new equipment at ground stations in other nations near the Soviet Union.

While talks between American and Soviet arms negotiators could soon be completed, the Administration is said to be reluctant to send a treaty to the Senate without first convincing Senator Glenn and others that its provisions could be protected against possible Soviet cheating.

Vance Presents New Proposals

The Administration's effort to devise a verification plan, officials reported, stems from a private meeting two weeks ago between Mr. Vance and several senators in which Mr. Glenn is said to have expressed strong doubts that the new accord could be adequately monitored. After the meeting, Mr. Vance and other senior aides concluded that the the Administration could not win Senate approval of the accord without paying special attention to Mr. Glenn's concerns.

Officials said that at last night's meeting with Mr. Dobrynin, Mr. Vance presented new proposals on the two remaining issues in the arms talks.

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